



# A STUDY IN THE BOOK OF REVELATION



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# CHAPTER 2A

COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY







John's Vision  
of the Son of  
Man in the  
Middle of the  
Lampstands

Revelation 1:13



Verses 17-18 – *When I saw Him, I fell at His feet like a dead man. And He placed His right hand on me, saying, “Do not be afraid; I am the first and the last, and the living One; and I was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of death and of Hades.”*



Verses 17 – This reminds us of Jesus' transfiguration  
( (Matthew 17, Mark 9, Luke 9)

*His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became  
as white as the light... When the disciples heard this,  
they fell face down to the ground and were terrified.  
And Jesus came to them and touched them and  
said, "Get up, and do not be afraid."*

Matthew 17



## Verses 17-

Just as He did at the transfiguration, Jesus touched John with His right hand and told him, “*Do not be afraid.*”

*The first and the last-* We have already seen this and will see it again at the end of the book.

*Alive evermore-* He is the first to die and not die again.



## Verses 18-

*Keys*- give someone the power to open and close  
*death and Hades* – death is the condition and Hades  
(Old Testament- Sheol) is the place.



Verses 19- Therefore write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after these things.

**This is the key to interpreting the rest of the book:**

**“have seen” – Chapter 1 (The Appearance of Jesus)**

**“which are” – Chapters 2-3 (The Church Age)**

**“which will take place after these things” – Chapters 4-22 (Future)**





*Verses 20 –As for the mystery of the seven stars which you saw in My right hand, and the seven golden lampstands: the seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches.*



# CHAPTER 2

## 3 Methods of Interpretation

1. Actual churches of the first century
2. Representation of the history of the church
3. Representation of types of churches throughout history



## CHAPTER 2

Verses 1- “To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: The One who holds the seven stars in His right hand, the One who walks among the seven golden lampstands, says this:



## CHAPTER 2

Verse 2 - 'I know your deeds and your labor and perseverance, and that you cannot tolerate evil people, and you have put those who call themselves apostles to the test, and they are not, and you found them *to be* false;



## CHAPTER 2

Verse 3- and you have perseverance and have endured on account of My name, and have not become weary.



## CHAPTER 2

Verse 4- But I have *this* against you, that you have left your first love.



## CHAPTER 2

Verse 5- Therefore, remember from where you have fallen, and repent, and do the deeds you did at first; or else I am coming to you and I will remove your lampstand from its place—unless you repent.



## CHAPTER 2

Verse 6- But you have this, that you hate the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. <sup>7</sup> The one who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who overcomes, I will grant to eat from the tree of life, which is in the Paradise of God.'



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Verse 7- The one who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who overcomes, I will grant to eat from the tree of life, which is in the Paradise of God.'